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## From the Chair

### *Final Thoughts*

I feel privileged to have served as MARAC chair for the past two years. I am truly grateful for my fellow officers and the many volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes with little or no recognition. MARAC cannot achieve its goals without their assistance. I encourage anyone who is interested to consider volunteering in some capacity. You will meet lots of wonderful people, make new friends, and build a stronger and better MARAC at the same time.

For my last column as chair I would like to summarize some of the more significant developments during my term. Under the leadership of immediate past Chair, Geof Huth, we revised our by-laws to allow for online balloting and electronic communications. We developed guidelines for distributing disaster funds. The Ad Hoc Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response began compiling a resource page on disaster resources for the MARAC website. Meanwhile, committees have started redefining their missions to clarify areas of overlap and refocus their efforts.

When the Archivist of the United States resigned in December, several

archival organizations compiled a set of selection criteria for President-Elect Obama's transition team. MARAC's leadership felt these criteria overlooked several important skills so we drafted our own criteria which we submitted in January. We decided to change the fiscal year from October 1 through September 30 to July 1 through June 30 effective July 1, 2010. We took a closer look at membership services and identified areas for growth such as online registration, e-publications, and acceptance of credit cards. We are moving forward with activating Member-Clicks, a web-accessible membership management tool, which will move us toward several of these goals. As with all decisions, we are leaving the door open to try other products if this one doesn't work for MARAC.

On a related noted, Dickinson College will serve as the host for MARAC's new administrator starting in May through July 2010. Dickinson will assist MARAC with recruiting a suitable candidate for this part-time position. The administrator will work 8-10 hours week with additional hours required in the weeks leading up to and following

our semi-annual meetings. I am very grateful to my fellow officers for ensuring that MARAC continues to serve its members as we transition from one administrator to the next.

I believe that MARAC is strategically positioned to move forward on a variety of fronts. The newly repurposed committees will focus their efforts on expanding outreach initiatives including History Day and American Archives Month, recruiting new members, retaining existing members, and exploring electronic distribution of many of MARAC's publications. The Steering Committee will re-evaluate MARAC's administrative needs to determine what model works best for us. My hope is that these developments will make MARAC more responsive to its members while expanding our educational offerings and more effectively advocating on behalf of our profession.

It has been a pleasure to help lead an organization that has been my professional home for many years. While I am looking forward to enjoying future meetings as a past chair, I feel confident that MARAC will remain vibrant and continue to advance its important mission.

## Welcome New Members!

William C. Carpenter  
*National Archives & Records Administration*

Carolina Palacios  
*Nova Southeastern University*

Jennifer Meehan  
*Yale University*

Kira Dietz  
*Virginia Tech*

Kevin Fredette  
*West Virginia University*

Rita Shukla  
*Rutgers SCILS*

Eric Fritzler  
*Center for Jewish History*

Denette Adams  
*Department of the Treasury*

Barbara O. Natanson  
*Library of Congress*

Marc Brodsky  
*Virginia Tech*

Kit Messick  
*New York Public Library*

M. B. Solomon  
*Pennswood Village*

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# Steering Committee Meeting Minutes—November 2008

Thursday, November 6, 2008 Silver Spring, Maryland

## Minutes

**Present:** Sharmila Bhatia, Lauren Brown, Nat DeBruin, Ed Galvin, Jim Gerencser, Randy Goss, Geof Huth, Jane Ingold, Rob Jenson, Marianne Kasica, Brian Keough, Ellie Kidd, Joanne McKinley, Linda Angle Miller, Catherine Lamoureux, Jennie Levine, Susan McElrath, Megan McShea, Catherine OBrion, Dale Patterson, Linda Ries, Diana Shenk, Leslie Simon, and Cheryl Stadel-Bevans

## Call to Order

Chair Susan McElrath called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

## Attendance and Introductions

The Steering Committee members introduced themselves to the group.

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with moving Outreach after NCH.

## Approval of Steering Committee Minutes (Spring & Summer)

The Spring Minutes were approved.

The Summer Minutes were approved as amended.

## Officers' Reports

### Chair

Report Submitted.

### Administrator's Report

Report Submitted.

Catherine Lamoureux reported that 669 members have renewed their membership. She has additional renewal applications that have yet to be processed. Susan McElrath asked the committee if we want to issue the pdf membership directory as we transition to MemberClicks. The committee agreed that we will continue to produce the directory in January and July. We will be producing a print version for those members who have not provided MARAC with an email address.

Susan McElrath informed the committee that we need a transition team to coordinate work as we activate our MemberClicks account. Jim Gerencser volunteered to serve on the transition team. Susan will approach those she has in mind for serving on the team.

Catherine Lamoureux reported that a student at Queens College has contacted her about a survey which she will send out to the caucuses for volunteer participation.

At 7:18 p.m. Catherine Lamoureux stepped out. The committee discussed the duties of the administrator and made suggestions regarding improved communication between the administrator and MARAC members. At 7:41p.m. Catherine returned.

## Vice Chair, including Meetings

### Coordinating Committee

Report submitted.

Jennie Levine reported that West Virginia will be asking for LAC volunteers. The West Virginia LAC met today and are interested in inviting Kentucky and Ohio to attend the Charleston meeting. Jennie motioned that MARAC offer Kentucky and Ohio attendees registration at the member rate. The motion was seconded by Nat DeBruin. The motion was approved. Jennie suggested that the Membership Committee reach out to Ohio for membership. Jennie also stated that student registrations are limited to four consecutive meetings and changes will be made to the Meeting Manual.

## Secretary

Sharmila Bhatia thanked members for following directions in submitting reports.

## Treasurer, including Finance

### Committee

Report submitted.

Jim Gerencser stated that publications costs are high and recommended that the Publications Committee look at how to cut costs and consider electronic publications, cheaper printer, Web access, and email. The committee should check the membership survey and look at the next fiscal year's budget. We are operating at a loss. While the conferences are making money we are not making enough to cover the dues shortfall. If the committee agrees to a dues increase membership must be notified 30 days in advance with the vote taking place at the Spring Business meeting.

Susan and the Parliamentarian will look at notification distribution. The Finance Committee will be looking

for recommendations and justifications for an increase in membership dues. Jim reported that the Charleston meeting budget was approved by MCC and Finance Committee. Steering Committee approved the budget.

## Archivist

Report submitted.

## Continuing Business

Ad Hoc Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response

Joanne McKinley reported that the Guidelines were posted on MARAC's website in October and the committee is now working on Disaster Resources which will be a locally based web resource. Currently the Disaster Resource is lacking members in Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia. Additionally, it was suggested expanding the locally based resources to include western Pennsylvania, western/northern New York, and western Virginia as these states are geographically large. Caucus chairs are asked to mention the Disaster Resource at Caucus meetings.

## Standing Committee New Business and Updates

Custer Award  
Report submitted.

## Development

Report submitted.

Leslie Simon reported that she is stepping down as chair with Marianne Kasica taking over as the new chair. This meeting is the end of the formal 35 for 35 campaign and the committee will be discussing on how to use the funds. There is no designated funding source for disaster response and preparedness at this time. Leslie suggested that we should have planned for fund raising prior to issuing the Disaster Fund Guidelines. This will be the next task for the committee to deal with.

## Distinguished Service Award

Report submitted.

## Education

Report submitted.

Brian Keough reported that the committee met today and discussed

## Notice of Vote at Business Meeting in Charleston, WV, to Approve Membership Rates for the Next Fiscal Year

In the Chair's Column of the winter 2008-09 MAA, Susan McElrath discussed MARAC's financial situation and that Steering Committee was contemplating proposing a dues increase. Steering Committee decided it was premature to suggest an increase at this time in light of the upcoming changes in administrative services.

At last summer's meeting, Steering Committee decided to change MARAC's fiscal year from October 1 through September 30 to July 1 through June 30, effective July 1,

2010. While numerous arguments were made in support of this change, the primary rationale was the difficulty of recording and tracking end-of-year income and expenses in the midst of the heavy financial activity associated with the fall meetings.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, MARAC Treasurer Jim Gerencser will be bringing forward at our upcoming business meeting a motion to approve retaining our current membership rate for our next fiscal term, which will run October 1, 2009 through

June 30, 2010. The dues year will return to twelve months with the next dues renewal cycle (i.e. July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011).

This vote is not required by MARAC's by-laws, but Steering Committee feels that the impact of the change is significant enough to ask input and approval from the membership. If you are planning to attend the Charleston meeting, we encourage you to participate in the business meeting and to cast your vote on this issue.

off conference workshops. Steering Committee confirmed the electronic vote to add one full meeting scholarship and two travel scholarships for a total of \$900. Brian stated that the committee needs to revisit scholarships to workshops as currently we're not providing enough money. Also, he stated the current guidelines for granting scholarships is unclear.

### Finding Aids

Report submitted.

### Membership Development

Report submitted.

Ellie Kidd reported that Membership Development had a joint meeting with Outreach. Membership will be updating the membership brochure and Catherine will provide printer information. For Outreach, Mary Mannix created a one page handout promoting the Fall Meeting for events. Susan recommended adding the responsibilities to the Meetings Manual and suggested having a new member table at registration. Susan assigned officers to attend caucus meetings.

### National Coalition for History

Report submitted.

### Outreach

Report submitted.

Ed Galvin reminded Steering committee that committee changes must be submitted to the MARAC webmaster. The program editor will receive an award since his duties are concluded. He stated that the responsibilities for membership and outreach committees are not well defined. Susan asked committee members to send her comments on committee responsibilities. We will address this at the Winter meeting and develop a task force.

### Nominations and Elections

Report submitted.

Geof Huth reported that the committee met today and developed list of possible nominees.

### Publications

Report submitted.

State Caucus New Business and Updates

### Delaware (Randy Goss)

Report submitted.

### District of Columbia

Report submitted.

Alison Oswald reported that she received query to post a resume. The committee

agreed that this is not appropriate for the listserv. The committee discussed whether we should post jobs and provide a binder for resumes, and which committee should maintain a career center. Susan will add this for consideration by the task force.

### Maryland

Report submitted.

### New Jersey

Report submitted.

### New York

Report submitted.

### Pennsylvania

Report submitted.

### Virginia

Report submitted.

### West Virginia

Report submitted.

### New Business

No new business

The Winter Meeting will be held either on January 30 or February 6, 2009.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

## State and Local News

### Delaware

#### **Delaware Public Archives**

More than 1,600 previously unknown individuals in the photograph collections of the Delaware Public Archives have now been identified through the *Hometown Delaware* Photograph Project. For the past two years Delaware libraries have graciously allowed the Archives to use their facilities to set up displays of Archives' photographs. The most recent stop was in the state capital of Dover where the project was displayed in the Archives itself. Within three days of the Dover area photographs being put on display, 90 individuals (out of a possible 152) were identified by patrons. The project will continue to visit local libraries for the next several years and it will soon expand to the worldwide web (<http://www.archives.delaware.gov>).

On February 7, the Archives presented a special Black History Month program concerning the Milford School Desegregation Crisis of 1954. Following the Supreme Court's landmark decision in the Brown vs. Board of Education case in May 1954, Milford High School attempted to integrate the following fall with the admittance of eleven African-American students. Within a short time, the nation's media focused on this Delaware town as it suffered through cross burnings, school boycotts, and the arrival of a white racist organizer named Bryant Bowles. This program was presented by Orlando Camp, one of the eleven African-American students who tried to attend Milford High School in the fall of 1954. Camp described his experiences as a Milford teenager caught up in the turmoil, fear, and confusion of the early stages of the integration era.

"Honoring the Heroes: A Look Back at Dover's Fallen Servicemen from World War II," and a one day exhibit was presented by Danny Waite on March 7. A former social studies teacher, Waite has researched the lives of Dover area servicemen who gave their lives during World War II. His presentation and exhibit showed the chronological progress of the war by describing where the soldiers and sailors from Delaware's capital city fought and died.

#### **Lewes Historical Society**

The Lewes Historical Society will be exhibiting "Lincoln: From the Collections of The Lewes Historical Society" including original photographs, signatures and other material relating to Lincoln and his relationship with the First State through May 30. The exhibit will then travel to the Delaware Public Archives and be part of its exhibit on Lincoln in Delaware.

#### **University of Delaware Archives and Records Management**

The University of Delaware has acquired a large collection of papers and records belonging to the pioneering South Pole explorer and astrophysicist Martin A. Pomerantz (<http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2009/oct/pomerantz.html>). Pomerantz served as the director and then president of the Bartol Research Institute from 1959–1987. In 1977, he moved the institute to the University of Delaware, where it is a research center in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. He died Oct. 25, 2008, at the age of 91.

The acquisition was announced by Ian Janssen, director of University Archives and Records Management, on Feb. 11 at the University's William S. Carlson International Polar Year lecture "Building for Science at the South Pole." Janssen said he was contacted in late 2007 by a representative from the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming, which was de-accessioning several large collections it had possessed for many years and was unable to process or provide access to researchers.

The 55 boxes of records, spanning 65 cubic feet, include Pomerantz's correspondence with polar stations, site reports from polar stations, administrative files from the Franklin Institute and the Bartol Research Institute, and photographs, ranging in date primarily from the 1950s to 1970s, although some records date to the 1930s. Janssen said he expects the final processing of the collection to be completed by late 2009 or early 2010, after which the materials will be available to scholars and the public.

#### **Winterthur**

Members of the Delaware caucus visited Winterthur to see highlights of the John

and Carolyn Grossman Collection on Friday, February 20. The visit began at noon with lunch together in the visitor center. The group then went to the library for a presentation on the collection by library director Richard McKinstry, followed by a look at the exhibition "Calendar Art," a showing of rare books from Winterthur's own holdings that complement the Grossman Collection, and reconstruction of the recent exhibit on Christmas plus other highlights. The Grossman Collection consists of approximately 250,000 items and documents chromolithography from 1820–1920. Its Valentines were recently highlighted in an article in the *Wilmington News-Journal*.

Three new collections have been added to Winterthur's digital resources: 200 French candy wrappers, 150 stereo card views of Winterthur period rooms taken in the 1930s, and a deck of 52 playing cards from London from 1701 advertising mathematical instruments. See them and others at <http://content.winterthur.org/>.

"Mass-Producing Masculinity: The Men's Suit in Victorian America" is the latest library exhibition. The exhibit traces the development of the business suit in the late 1800s using trade cards and catalogs, ads, photos, and poster stamps.

#### **MARAC Spring 2010 Conference**

The Doubletree Hotel in downtown Wilmington was selected as the site for the April 30–May 1, 2010 conference. Ian Janssen is chairing the local arrangements committee and is currently recruiting committee members. Wilmington has been the site for six conferences, including MARAC's inaugural meeting in 1972.

#### *Caucus Representative*

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#### **DC**

The Historical Society of Washington, DC is proud to present a new online exhibit titled "Lincoln's Washington," curated by Special Collections Librarian, Colleen McKnight, and Kiplinger Research Library Intern, Rebecca Kelner.

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Created to honor the bicentennial of the President's birth, "Lincoln's Washington," explores the city of Washington as Abraham Lincoln would have experienced it, and provides glimpses into city life during the Civil War.

All of the images in the exhibit are from the rich photograph collections found at the Historical Society. The exhibit can be viewed by clicking on the link provided on our home page or by visiting <http://www.historydc.org/onlineexhibit>.

A companion exhibit has also been mounted in the Community Exhibit Space located on the Society's first floor. More information about Lincoln and the city can be found at the Society's Kiplinger Research Library.

### National Archives and Records Administration

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration. This is a very special year for the National Archives. Founded 75 years ago on June 19, 1934, the National Archives' preservation of the permanently valuable papers of the federal government has made it a cornerstone of our democracy. Billions of documents created by federal officials are available for inspection, thereby holding public officials accountable for their actions. To celebrate this milestone, NARA has planned a number of special activities and programs throughout the year. Please go to the newly-launched anniversary web site at [www.archives.gov/75th](http://www.archives.gov/75th) to learn about all of these events.

The National Archives is sponsoring two awards at the National History Day competition in honor of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The contest is open to secondary school students; \$1,000 will be awarded at the junior and senior levels for outstanding entries in any category that use the records of the Federal Government to either illuminate the creation and ratification of the U.S. Constitution or to focus on Constitutional issues throughout American History. Award winners will be announced at the national competition, June 14–18 2009 held at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Students interested in participating in the National History Day competition can find more information on the National History Day web site.

Rockefeller Archive Center and the Smithsonian Institution Archives

The Collaborative Electronic Records Project has drawn to a close. This three-year collaboration between the Rockefeller Archive Center and the Smithsonian Institution Archives undertook the challenge of long-term preservation of email collections and their storage in a digital repository. The team is happy to report that it achieved its goal.

CERP deliverables included: Records Management Guidance, Transfer Guidance, Email Management Guidance, METS import file for ingest into DSpace, Preservation parser to output email collection in the XML preservation format, and an email Account XML Schema co-developed by CERP and EMCAP (NHRPC-Funded Preservation of Electronic Mail Collaboration Initiative). You can read more about CERP at <http://siarchives.si.edu/cerp>

### Caucus Representative

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"The civil rights story has been told so well already that we try not to focus on that aspect as much as we seek to record the day-to-day transactional nature of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century African American practitioner," says Bill Sleeman, who coordinates special collection activities for the Library. "How was it that these men and women were able to build successful practices and careers in an environment that did not want them to succeed?"

### The Lena Lee Collection

Lena Lee, a 1951 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, was only the third woman to graduate from the Law School where she was a classmate and friend of civil rights leader Juanita Jackson Mitchell. Lee went on to become a successful practitioner, state legislator and local activist. During her political career she was a tireless supporter of legislation and programs to support women and minorities. Until Lee's death at 100 her home was a required stop for any politician seeking to make his or her mark in Baltimore, a fact reflected in the many letters and telegrams seeking her advice or support in planning a political campaign.

([http://www.law.umaryland.edu\\_marshall/specialcollections/lenaleepapers/](http://www.law.umaryland.edu_marshall/specialcollections/lenaleepapers/))

## Maryland

### New Collections Highlight Female African American Lawyers

The University Of Maryland School Of Law's Thurgood Marshall Law Library, a leading resource documenting the development of the African American legal community in Maryland and its role in shaping American law, has announced the release of two new collections, the "Lena Lee Collection" and the "Constance Baker Motley Collection." Both archival collections lend insight into the careers of two of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century's most influential female African American lawyers.

The collections are part of the Law Library's larger "African Americans in the Law Collection," a national leader in the digitization of original letters, photos, organizational records, and other original manuscripts reflecting the unique challenges and exceptional contributions of African American legal practitioners.

([http://www.law.umaryland.edu\\_marshall/specialcollections/aalsc/index.html](http://www.law.umaryland.edu_marshall/specialcollections/aalsc/index.html))

### The Constance Baker Motley Collection

Constance Baker Motley was the first African American woman elected to the Senate in New York. In 1966 she became, following her appointment by President Johnson, the first African American woman appointed to a federal court. Motley may be most famous though for her work as an attorney on behalf of the civil rights movement and the NAACP, where she was initially hired as a clerk to Thurgood Marshall. Motley was the author of the original complaint in the Brown vs. Board of Education case and went on to win a number of important civil rights cases before the United States Supreme Court.

([http://www.law.umaryland.edu\\_marshall/specialcollections/ConstanceBakerMotley/](http://www.law.umaryland.edu_marshall/specialcollections/ConstanceBakerMotley/))

For access to the Lena Lee or Constance Baker Motley Collection, or anything else

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in the Law Library's African Americans in the Law Collection, please contact Bill Sleeman, Assistant Director for Technical Services at (410) 706-0783 or bsleeman@law.umaryland.edu.

#### **Maryland History and Culture Collaborative**

Twenty-eight members of the Maryland History and Culture Collaborative, an informal group of archivists, librarians, and other information professionals in Maryland who deal specifically with Maryland history and culture, met on Friday, January 9, 2009 at the Prince George's County Memorial Library in Oxon Hill, Maryland, hosted by Martha Ruff, head of the Sojourner Truth Room.

The meeting included a tour of the Sojourner Truth Room; presentations on the group's new wiki (<https://spaces.umbc.edu/display/mhcc/Home>); and a presentation on the Chesapeake Project (<http://cdm266901.cdmhost.com/>), which is a collaborative project between the Georgetown Law Library and the State Law Libraries of Maryland and Virginia, to harvest and make available state

documents from websites in a ContentDM digital asset management system.

The group also discussed ways that they could collaborate on digital projects and formed a subgroup to explore this idea in more detail and talked about ways that the Collaborative could play a role of advocacy for cultural institutions across the state.

#### **St. Mary's County Government Archives**

2009 is Maryland's 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As part of the birthday celebrations, St. Mary's County has kicked off a campaign to welcome travelers and bring interest to the historical resources of Maryland's first settlement areas and her first capital, St. Mary's City. For more information see the St. Mary's County website: (<http://tour.co.saint-marys.md.us/>) and the Maryland 375 website: (<http://www.maryland375.com/>).

#### **University of Maryland (Baltimore County)—University Archives**

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County is hiring a Project Archivist to process the University Archives in

preparation for a published history celebrating the institution's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. For more information, see: <http://aok.lib.umbc.edu/employment/>.

#### *Caucus Representative*

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## **New Jersey**

#### **Rutgers University**

"Crossroads: Senator Harrison A. Williams Jr. and Great Society Liberalism, 1959–1981," the spring exhibition in Special Collections and University Archives. A reception opened the exhibit on January 27<sup>th</sup> and will be on display until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Michael Kazin, Professor of History at Georgetown University, was the featured speaker at the reception, where he discussed the evolution of liberalism through the 1960s and 1970s.

The "Crossroads: Senator Harrison A. Williams Jr. and Great Society Liberalism, 1959–1981" exhibition looks at the

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# Treasurer's Report, Fiscal Year 2009, 1st Quarter

## October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

| CATEGORY                             | Budget               | 1st Quarter         | 2nd Quarter     | 3rd Quarter     | 4th Quarter   | Total               |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>           |                      |                     |                 |                 |               |                     |
| Membership Dues                      | \$35,00.00           | \$4,328.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$4,328.00          |
| Publication Sales                    | \$250.00             | \$30.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$30.00             |
| Pub. Advertising                     | \$500.00             | \$0.00              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              |
| Bank Interest                        | \$600.00             | \$355.67            | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$355.67            |
| Investments                          | \$600.00             | \$314.93            | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$314.93            |
| Conferences                          | \$15,000.00          | \$34,258.00         | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$34,258.00         |
| Mailing List Sales                   | \$200.00             | \$0.00              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              |
| Contributions                        | \$7,500.00           | \$818.00            | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$818.00            |
| Miscellaneous                        | \$0.00               | \$0.00              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              |
| <b>Total Revenue—Support</b>         | <b>\$59,650.00</b>   | <b>\$40,104.60</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$40,104.60</b>  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                      |                      |                     |                 |                 |               |                     |
| General                              | \$3,450.00           | \$0.00              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              |
| Administrator                        | \$29,770.00          | \$7,462.79          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$7,462.79          |
| Treasurer                            | \$100.00             | \$0.00              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              |
| State Caucuses                       | \$1,495.00           | \$541.96            | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$541.96            |
| Committees                           | \$4,965.00           | \$910.10            | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$910.10            |
| Publications                         | \$15,900.00          | \$0.00              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              |
| Investments                          | \$0.00               | \$0.00              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              |
| MARAC Archivist                      | \$750.00             | \$0.00              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              |
| Awards                               | \$1,800.00           | \$1,689.60          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$1,689.60          |
| Conference Expenses                  | \$0.00               | \$35,907.89         | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$35,907.89         |
| MARAC Scholarship                    | \$1,420.00           | \$710.00            | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$710.00            |
| Miscellaneous                        | \$0.00               | \$295.77            | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$295.77            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                | <b>\$59,650.00</b>   | <b>\$47,518.11</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$47,518.11</b>  |
| <b>Net Income or (Loss)</b>          |                      | <b>(\$7,413.51)</b> | <b>(\$0.00)</b> | <b>(\$0.00)</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>(\$7,413.51)</b> |
| <b>Summary—Third Quarter FY 2008</b> |                      |                     |                 |                 |               |                     |
|                                      |                      |                     | <b>Opening</b>  | <b>Credits</b>  | <b>Debits</b> | <b>Closing</b>      |
| Opening Balance                      | \$119,416.28         | Operating           | (\$18,081.92)   | \$38,616.00     | (\$47,518.11) | (\$26,984.03)       |
| Income                               | \$40,104.60          | Endowment           | \$40,000.00     |                 |               | \$40,000.00         |
| Expenses                             | <u>(\$47,518.11)</u> | Reserve             | \$59,650.00     |                 |               | \$59,650.00         |
| Closing Balance                      | \$112,002.77         | Surplus             | \$37,848.20     | \$1,488.60      |               | \$39,336.80         |
|                                      |                      | Totals              | \$119,416.28    | \$40,104.60     | (\$47,518.11) | \$112,002.77        |

**Account Balances**

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| PayPal Account     | \$3,359.01                     |
| B of A Checking    | \$3,462.42                     |
| B of A Savings     | \$42,913.96                    |
| B of A CDs         | \$21,354.44                    |
| B of A CD (Finch)  | \$5,338.61                     |
| Investment Account | \$35,574.33 (as of 12/31/2008) |
| Total              | \$112,002.77                   |

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socio-political philosophy of liberalism—the view that an active government can be a positive force for social justice and social welfare—as exemplified by the legislative career of Senator Harrison Williams, Jr.. The exhibit considers many of the programs associated with President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society initiatives of the 1960s—including those concerned with civil rights, education, health, labor, the elderly, environmental conservation, and metropolitan affairs—and legislation enacted in the 1970s that reflected the Great Society approach.

The exhibition celebrates the completion of the three year project to organize the papers of U.S. Senator Harrison Williams, Jr. of New Jersey, which are held in Rutgers University Libraries' Special Collections and University Archives. The exhibition places Williams in the context of the emergence and decline of Great Society-style liberalism, spanning the period from Williams' entry into the Senate in 1959 to the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan and the replacement of Williams as Labor and Human Resources Committee Chairman in 1981.

**Monmouth County Archives**

The Monmouth County Archives is planning an exhibit for October 2009 on the Great Depression, with a focus on Monmouth County. If any MARAC member has relevant material, please contact Gary Saretzky, gsaretzk@co.monmouth.nj.us or (732) 308-3772.

**Morris Township and Morristown Library**
**The Morristown & Morris Township Library's Book Arts Series**

March 28<sup>th</sup> Dr. Frank Felsenstein on William Morris—reception & Lecture 9:30 to noon.

April 4<sup>th</sup> Jeff Rigby—slides/talk conservation by the library's conservator 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

April 18<sup>th</sup> Leonard Seastone—fine printer hands on workshop 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

April 25<sup>th</sup> Iris Nevins—workshop students to marble paper for their use 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

May 9<sup>th</sup> Don Nash—conservator on hands-on book making workshop 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fee for all workshops is \$30

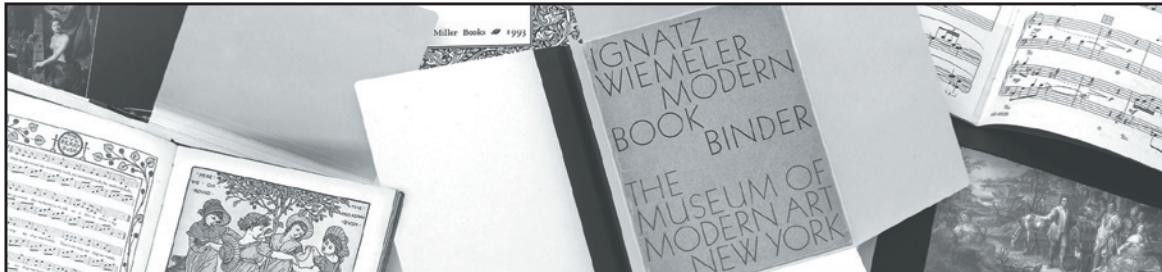
Dr. Felsenstein's lecture is free to all.

**Seton Hall University**

Various collections continue to be acquired on a regular basis as part of an ongoing mission to enhance institutional history resources. Included among our recent acquisitions are nearly 400 volumes on the life and works of Abraham Lincoln from the mid-nineteenth century to the present day by local physician Dr. Jules C. Landenheim. These books will compliment the Pierce Byrne and George Murphy Civil War Collections already found in our Rare Book Catalog. Science tomes donated through the estate of alumnus Roger Cockerline, '52 will be integrated into our Setonia primer collection that showcases various text books used over the years and traces the curricular development of the institution as a whole.

The Archives & Special Collections has entered into an information sharing partnership with the Mother Seton Parish of Whiting, New Jersey. Along with sharing the title of the same Patron Saint, we have been building onto our

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catalog of general Catholic history via donations of books that do not fit into their parish library collecting focus and serves to benefit our large church-research constituency as a result.

The papers of Trina La Paz Sans, a prominent Spanish-language author were recently donated to the University and placed in trust within the Archives & Special Collections Center. This is one of the few non-English language collections in the repository and this group of materials includes manuscripts, photographs, poetry, music and correspondence by and to one of the most illustrious writers and suffragists in Puerto Rican history. This material captures the developing connections between Puerto Rico and the United States between the 1890s and the late 1950s in particular. Fall of 2008 visits by international scholars and an exhibit of select documents at the Institute Cervantes in New York City during show the budding research importance of this vibrant resource.

The establishment of a Friends of the New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission group began recently. Promotional work has commenced through announcements made via various state-wide listservs. This new endeavor is designed to add those interested in the history of Catholicism in New Jersey as part of our information sharing circle over time. More information about this organization and to be added to the mailing list can be obtained through Alan Delozier, Executive Director by e-mail at—delozial@shu.edu

The Archives & Special Collections Internet site has a brand new look to its front page and various links that highlight burgeoning digital projects and researcher interaction initiatives are part of the goal in making this site even more interactive and data-intensive than ever before. Our homepage can be accessed via the following URL—<http://library.shu.edu/sc-homepage.htm>

### **Princeton University**

“The Best Old Place of All”: Exhibition celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of University Archives. The richness and depth of the collections of the Princeton University Archives are the focus of “The Best Old Place of All”: Treasures from the Princeton University Archives, a new

exhibition at Princeton University’s Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library. The exhibition coincides with the yearlong celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the University Archives, and features some of the most historically significant documents and objects from the collection alongside seldom-seen treasures. “The Best Old Place of All”: Treasures from the Princeton University Archives opens February 20, 2009, and runs through January 29, 2010.

“The goal of this exhibition,” says University Archivist Dan Linke, “is to illustrate the University’s long and impressive history and in doing so, to celebrate and reflect upon the vital role of the University Archives in preserving and documenting that record.”

Featured in the exhibition are documents, photographs, and objects from the University Archives covering the time of the University’s founding to the modern era. The pieces on display were chosen for their historical significance and uniqueness. A page from the 1783 Minutes of the Board of Trustees contains the Trustees’ request that George Washington sit for a portrait so that they might replace the work of King George that was destroyed in the Battle of Princeton. Close nearby, a draft of Woodrow Wilson’s vehement argument on the matter of the location of the Graduate College hints at another battle fought on campus over a century later.

In addition to paper documents and photographs, “The Best Old Place of All” also draws upon the extensive memorabilia collection of the University Archives. Items such as canes, clay pipes, and the reunion jacket of Adlai Stevenson are all a part of the unique physical heritage associated with being a Princetonian. Other objects such as the discus Robert Garrett threw in the 1896 Athens Olympics and a blackball box used during Eating Club bicker represent some of many curiosities that have found their way into the Archives in the last 50 years.

“The Best Old Place of All”: Treasures from the Princeton University Archives is open to the public without charge from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, and from noon to 5 p.m. on weekends. For the

three Saturdays the University Charter will be on view, the hours will be as follows: Feb 21 and May 30, 9–12; Oct. 10, 10–1. For additional information, please call the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library at (609) 258-6345.

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### **New York**



PATRICK McNAMARA, PH. D., ASSISTANT ARCHIVIST, R. C. DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN, INTERVIEWING MSGR. HOWARD BASLER.  
ARCHIVES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

### **Archives of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn**

The Archives of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn has made significant progress with its Senior Priest Oral History Project. Since December 2007 it has conducted interviews with twenty-five senior priests of the Diocese. These priests were ordained between the end of World War II and the beginning of Vatican II. The interviews themselves range from one hour up to seven hours. They encompass the entire life story of each priest from youth to retirement. Preserving their recollections enables us to not only save an important part of diocesan history, but also local and ethnic history as well. Topics covered range from memories of family, parish and neighborhood as a youth through seminary training and ordination to priestly ministry in parishes and specialized ministries. Depending on their ethnic background and where they were assigned, individual priest’s memories can include experiences working and

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living with African-Americans, Italians, Hispanics and other ethnic communities. It is believed that this will be the most extensive program of its kind ever undertaken by a diocese in the United States.

### New York's Connecting to Collections Survey

The New York State Education Department's Office of Cultural Education, which includes the New York State Archives, New York State Museum, and New York State Library, is leading an Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) project surveying the preservation needs of New York State's cultural heritage community.

A "Connecting to Collections" survey, completed by cultural repositories on January 31, 2009, examined the risks to historical collections, preservation challenges, and the need for training and education in collections care. The results will formulate a preservation plan detailing needs and recommending actions containing the timeframe, responsibilities, outcomes, and budget. The results will drive action, fund-raising, legislation, and strong advocacy for preservation in New York.

### Special Lincoln Issue of New York Archives Magazine

The New York State Archives and the Archives Partnership Trust released the Winter 2009 special issue of New York Archives magazine with guest editor, Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer. This special issue brings together eight scholars and authors examining President Lincoln through his connections to New York State.

Harold Holzer's thoughtful selections of excerpts from Lincoln's writings document his evolution from presidential candidate into commander-in-chief.

James Oliver Horton examines Lincoln through the eyes of Frederick Douglass. Craig L. Symonds looks at the construction of the USS Monitor in Brooklyn. James M. McPherson writes about Lincoln's wartime visit to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Frank J. Williams explores Lincoln's debate with Albany Democrats about constitutional constraint and executive power. Hans L. Trefousse argues that Lincoln's fame was realized long before his death. Catherine

Clinton writes about Mary Lincoln and the Civil War-era culture and commerce in New York City. William Kennedy describes Lincoln's two visits to Albany in 1861 and 1865.

The New York Archives magazine is available for purchase at [www.nysarchivestrust.org](http://www.nysarchivestrust.org) or contact [aptrust@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:aptrust@mail.nysed.gov).

### Disaster Preparedness Training for Essential Records

The New York State Archives is participating in a three-year, \$2.6 million grant received by the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) for the Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records (IPER) project, which will train state and local governments how to protect records before, during, and after disasters and emergencies. A special focus will be given to records essential for the resumption of governmental operations.

### New Publication on Developing a Policy to Manage Email

The New York State Archives has issued a new publication, "Developing a Policy for Managing Email," which brings together current principles and best practices for state agencies and local governments to develop internal policies to manage email. The publication also provides three models that state agencies and local governments of any size can use to create their own policies on managing email.

The publication includes sections on principles and best practices, policy components, and model policies for small and medium-sized local governments and large state agencies. The publication is available for free on the New York State Archives website ([www.archives.nysed.gov](http://www.archives.nysed.gov)) or contact [archpubs@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:archpubs@mail.nysed.gov).

### Archivists of Religious Institutions

The Board of Directors of the Archivists of Religious Institutions (ARI) has presented the first Fr. Frederick J. O'Brien, S. J. Memorial Service Award to Anita Lewis of the Passionist Historical Archives, in appreciation for her many contributions to ARI. Anita set up and maintains the ARI website and its listserv. She gave a presentation on website development at the 2006 Spring Meeting. ARI Chair Joseph Coen and Board Members Karen Franklin and Dorothea Sartain



THE ARCHIVISTS OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS FR. FREDERICK J. O'BRIEN, S. J. MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD ARCHIVISTS OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

presented the award. They were joined by Fr. Peter Schineller, S. J., Provincial Archivist, representing the Society of Jesus, and Fr. Robert Carboneau, C. P. and Sean Peragine, representing the Passionist Historical Archives. ARI established the Fr. Frederick J. O'Brien, S. J. Memorial Service Award in 2008. The award was created to honor ARI members for outstanding service to the organization

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## Pennsylvania

### University of Pittsburgh

The University Library System (ULS) at the University of Pittsburgh announces its partnership with PALINET and the Internet Archive to contribute thousands of monographs to the Mass Digitization Collaborate coordinated by PALINET. The ULS is contributing monographs from its Darlington Memorial Library, a special collections unit, to the digitization collaborate. These titles primarily document the history of western Pennsylvania and the Ohio Valley, as well as the settlement of colonial America, local history, and the manners and customs of Native Americans. The books are all in the public domain. The ULS ships selected titles to the Internet Archive's scanning facility in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The books are digitized by IA staff, mounted online as part of the PALINET collection at the Internet Archive (<http://>

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[www.archive.org/details/university\\_pittsburgh](http://www.archive.org/details/university_pittsburgh)), and returned to the ULS. Pitt is the largest contributor of content to the joint initiative.

Meanwhile, the ULS Digital Research Library (DRL) has digitized and mounted 50 broadsides, over 1,800 illustrations, engravings and etchings, and over 800 maps from the Darlington library. All can be accessed at the Darlington Digital Library website <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/d/darlington/>.

The DRL is currently digitizing manuscript collections from the Darlington library, which will become available online in the Summer of 2009. One of the collections, the Ohio Company Papers, documents the exploration and settlement of the Ohio territory, as well as parts of West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Another collection includes copies of the journals created by Christopher Gist, the surveyor hired by the Ohio Company to explore this territory and negotiate treaties with the Indians in the early 1750s. He also accompanied George Washington on his missions in the Ohio territory. The finding aids to the Darlington manuscript collections are available by visiting the ULS Archives Service Center website (<http://www.library.pitt.edu/libraries/archives/archives.html>).

#### Penn State Harrisburg Library, Archives and Special Collections

Penn State Harrisburg has established a new grant program to support visiting scholars and graduate students who need to use materials held by Archives and Special Collections in the Penn State Harrisburg Library. The travel and research grant program encourages scholarly use of the repository's premier collection, the Alice Marshall Women's History Collection, considered to be one of the largest privately-compiled research collections on women's history in the United States. One or more grants will be awarded with stipends between \$500 and \$3,000 to cover travel, overnight accommodations, and other research-related expenses. Research topics are not limited to women's history, but they must require significant use of the repository's holdings. Deadline for the receipt of 2009–2010 applications: April 1, 2009. Recipients will be notified by early May

2009. For more information and to access the grant guidelines and an application form, please visit <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/harrisburg/asc/grants.html>, or contact Heidi N. Abbey, Humanities Reference Librarian and Archivist, via email at [heidi.abbey@psu.edu](mailto:heidi.abbey@psu.edu), or by phone at (717) 948-6056.

#### The Pennsylvania Hospital

The Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, will host its fourth annual *History of Women's Health Conference* on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. The theme of this year's conference is *Traveling Knowledge: How Women Gathered, Dispensed, and Gendered Medical Knowledge*. This year's keynote speakers will be Margaret Marsh, PhD (Rutgers University Camden) and Wanda Ronner, M.D. (Pennsylvania Hospital). Dr. Marsh is a Distinguished Professor of History and Interim Chancellor at Rutgers University's Camden campus. Dr. Ronner is a Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and a gynecologist at Pennsylvania Hospital. She also serves as the Medical Student Director for the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. They will speak about their newest book, *The Fertility Doctor: John Rock and the Reproductive Revolution* (Johns Hopkins University Press). Please RSVP by April 17. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Hospital Historic Collections and Obstetrics and Gynecology Department. For more information contact Stacy Peeples at: [peepless@pahosp.com](mailto:peepless@pahosp.com)

#### The Pennsylvania State Archives

Through an NHRPC grant, the State Archives will offer archival training around the state in May and June 2009 aimed specifically at Pennsylvania's historical records repositories. *Archives Without Tears* is for those who work or volunteer in organizations that deal with the past—whether it's a museum, historic house, the city clerk's office, the library's local history room, a historic site, or a company or college archives. You'll get practical advice, sample forms and policies, and learn basic practices so that you can collect, preserve, and assist researchers with the historical treasures in your care. The workshops comprise two full days,

with the first day focusing primarily on basic archival practices, with a short session on the PHMC grant program.

The second day will concentrate on disaster planning/preparedness and photographic and media care. The training will be conducted by Archives Staff members Jerry Ellis, Linda Ries, and Josh Stahlman. Dates and locations are: May 19–20, the Lycoming County Historical Society, Williamsport; June 9–10, St. Vincent College, in conjunction with the Westmoreland County Historical Society, Latrobe; and June 16–17, Chester County Historical Society, West Chester. The fee is: \$25 for both days, or \$15 for one day, and includes a deli-style lunch. Look for more information and online registration at [www.phmc.state.pa.us](http://www.phmc.state.pa.us), or contact Joshua Stahlman at [jostahlman@state.pa.us](mailto:jostahlman@state.pa.us), or (717) 772-3257. This training is funded in part by an NHRPC grant and is presented in partnership with the Pennsylvania Heritage Society, the Pennsylvania State Archives, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and the State and Historical Records Advisory Board.

Save the date!! The PHMC annual Archives and Records Management Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday October 14 at the Four Points by Sheraton, Harrisburg. For more information contact Joshua Stahlman at [jostahlman@state.pa.us](mailto:jostahlman@state.pa.us) or (717) 772-3257.

#### Penn State University—University Park

Sue Hamburger at Penn State received her fifth Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission matching grant (reduced from \$15,000 to \$12,500) to bring archival continuing education workshops from the Society of American Archivists to central Pennsylvania for 2009. The grant will underwrite most of the costs of three special topic workshops for archivists and librarians in Centre and the contiguous counties plus those in Pennsylvania outside the targeted counties on a space available basis for \$20 per day. The remaining slots, up to the 30 person maximum, can be filled at the regular SAA cost by anyone outside the Commonwealth.

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### **The Society of American Archivists' workshops bring subject-expert archival educators to Penn**

State for libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies in central Pennsylvania—particularly those counties within a one-to-two hour drive from State College—to share knowledge with local repositories' staffs and volunteers who would not normally be able to attend these workshops at a national or regional archival conference because of budgetary constraints.

Registration and scholarship awards for registrants working in any of the targeted counties (Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Clearfield, Columbia, Huntingdon, Lycoming, Northumberland, and Union) are on a first-come, first-served basis. Scholarship-assisted fees are \$20 a day per person. Interested registrants from Pennsylvania who work outside the targeted counties are welcome to contact the project director for space availability. Non-scholarship workshop fees are \$185 per person for SAA members, \$210 for employees of member institutions, and \$235 for non-members of SAA for a one-day workshop.

Morning and afternoon refreshments will be provided; lunch is on your own. There is a lunch spot, MacKinnon's Café, in the library, and several other campus eateries within easy walking distance, or you may bring your own lunch. Directions and overnight accommodations information are available on the university's Visitor's Guide (<http://www.psu.edu/ur/visitors.html>). Space is limited, so please register early.

The workshops scheduled for Spring 2009 are:

Mon., April 13: Moving Images: An Introduction for Archivists [maximum of 30 registrants]—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mon., May 11: Archivists' Guide to Balancing Legal Issues in Photographic Collections [maximum of 30 registrants]—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mon., June 22: Introduction to Archival Exhibitions [maximum of 30 registrants]—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The workshops will be held in the Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno, Library, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

Please go to the workshops Web site, <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/saaworkshops/>, for registration forms and full workshop descriptions. Discounted room rates at the Nittany Lion Inn have been negotiated by SAA.

Pennsylvania folks should print the registration form on <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/saaworkshops/>, and send this registration form and a check payable to "The Pennsylvania State University" to Susan Hamburger.

The grant-funded slots are available to Pennsylvanians on a first-come, first-serve basis, and registration is limited. Approximately 54–56 slots can be allocated among the three workshops. Please let Sue Hamburger know if you are interested in registering for a particular workshop and she will hold a space until the check arrives. All registrations are due no later than one month before the date of the workshop but spaces fill up fast so please don't wait until the last minute.

The workshops for Spring 2010 will consist of four one-day workshops to be offered contingent on grant funding: Advanced Appraisal for Archivists; Analyzing and Improving Archival Websites; Implementing More Product, Less Process; and Introduction to Digital Libraries and Digital Archives.

### **New Directory of Archival and Manuscript Repositories in the Delaware Valley**

The new fourth edition of the Delaware Valley Archivists Group's *Directory of Archival and Manuscript Repositories in the Delaware Valley* will be published in the spring of 2009. The Directory includes information on a wide range of repositories in the Delaware Valley area, which includes southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and all of Delaware. The Directory will be posted on the DVAG website and will be available for purchase in hard copy through a print-on-demand publishing company. For more information visit the DVAG website at [www.dvarchivists.org](http://www.dvarchivists.org).

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## Virginia

### **James Madison University**

Special Collections in James Madison University's Carrier Library has been busy! In December 2008, JMU Special Collections said goodbye to the university's first public history graduate assistant, Heather Browne, a May 2007 graduate of Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA, with a degree in history and a minor in gender and women's studies. The history department at JMU offers a concentration in public history. Last fall, the department began offering a course in archives, Introduction to Archives and Manuscripts, to graduate and undergraduate students.

Heather Brown's contributions had far reaching results. Initially, she arranged, described, and created the finding aid for the Liskey Collection of Heavner Family Papers, 1791–1967, SC#5006. Upon completion of this project, Heather subsequently arranged, described, and created the finding aids for several other diverse manuscript collections. She became proficient at creating html finding aids for the Special Collections website as well as EAD finding aids, which were uploaded and sent to the Virginia Heritage Project, a database of finding aids from member repositories in Virginia. Her thesis project, which involves processing a collection of papers from a local social work organization, is the first of its kind in JMU's History Department, and sets a precedent from which other scholars in the field of public history may benefit. The opportunities available in Special Collections, coupled with Heather's successful work, have demonstrated that graduate assistantships in public history have a place at JMU. In addition, the experience of this partnership may also serve as a gateway for possible graduate assistantships in other areas of the JMU Libraries.

JMU's Special Collections is also expanding its support of the JMU curriculum in exciting ways. In November 2008, at the request of faculty in JMU's School of Art and Art History (SAAH), and with the support of the Art Liaison

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Librarian, Special Collections began a pilot project to establish a collection of artists' books to support the graphic arts curriculum. As a result, fifteen books were purchased from the Women's Studio Workshop, of Rosendale, New York, the largest publisher of hand printed artist's books in the country, with whom the SAAH has worked closely in the past. This spring, Special Collections will collaborate with faculty from the English Department and the English Liaison Librarian to establish a teaching collection of medieval to early modern manuscripts to complement the growing collection of printed books that support the Medieval and Renaissance Studies curriculum.

#### Hollins University

The Wyndham Robertson Library at Hollins University is the recipient of the working papers of one of its alumnae, Mildred E. Persinger, class of 1939. Persinger spent her career working for women's rights and human rights, racial justice, sustainable development and global disarmament. She served as the World YWCA's main representative at the United Nations for thirty years. In 1975, she chaired the forum for the Non-Governmental Organizations at the United Nations World Conference of the International Women's Year held in Mexico City. In 1976 she founded the International Women's Tribune Centre, to provide training, communications and support services to women's organizations around the world. In 1977, she was appointed by President Carter to the National Commission on International Women's Year and chaired the international committee and organized the National Women's Conference in Houston, attended by 20,000 women.

The library has received the first installment of twenty-five boxes, including papers on the UN women's conferences and the UN World Population conferences held in Bucharest, Mexico City, and Cairo, along with the President's Commission on the status of women and UN Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Materials received to date range from 1940s–2008 (bulk 1960s–1990s). Types of materials include conference records, correspondence, United Nations and

world conference publications, clippings, broadsides, etc. Box lists have been prepared and the collection is open to researchers. For more information, contact Beth Harris, Special Collections and Government Information Librarian, Management Librarian at (540) 362-6237 or [bharris@hollins.edu](mailto:bharris@hollins.edu).

#### Virginia Historical Society

The VHS received a fifteen-month grant from the Virginia Environmental Endowment to process approximately 200 linear feet of their administrative records as well as conduct oral histories. The grant also includes support for the processing of additional collections with significant environmental content and the creation of an online guide to same.

In January Senior Archivist Lee Shepard addressed the Williamsburg (Va.) Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on the Mary Custis Lee papers. In January and February they hosted a representative from FamilySearch to scan our Bible records and other selected genealogical materials.

Assistant Archivist L. Paige Newman won the 2008 VHS President's Award of Excellence; winners are nominated by their coworkers and chosen by a panel that includes the previous year's winners.

The VHS has created a new department to consolidate digital initiatives. The department will oversee the website, the online catalog, and any in-house scanning projects.

Current rotating exhibits: Photography in Virginia (through May 3) and The African American Image in Virginia (through December 30, 2009).

Due to financial considerations, the VHS has new hours starting in January: Closed to the public on Mondays. The Library is open Tuesday–Saturday 10–5. Galleries open Tuesday–Saturday 10–5, Sunday 1–5.

#### Virginia State Historical Records Advisory Board

For more than three decades, the Virginia State Historical Records Advisory Board has worked cooperatively with repositories across the commonwealth to facilitate federal grants for archival work. Grants like these ensure

the essential documentation of our national history, connect communities to the story of the past, and bring the past alive. By preserving historical records and making them available to researchers, state historical records advisory boards across the nation and the NHPRC play a unique and valuable role in documenting democracy.

Board members are appointed to three-year terms. They bring expertise and experience to their posts, as well as enthusiasm and dedication. Through the years, the board's membership has reflected the diversity of those who have an active role in documenting and describing Virginia history, including archivists, records managers, archaeologists, teachers, public historians, museum professionals, and county clerks.

Governor Timothy M. Kaine reappointed eight board members in November 2008: Coy Barefoot; Conley L. Edwards, III; Professor Ervin L. Jordan, Jr.; Joyce A. Kistner; Michael Anne Lynn; Amy B. K. Muraca; Frances S. Pollard; and Susan A. Riggs. In December 2008, the governor appointed a new board member, Dr. Aaron D. Purcell, to replace departing board member Curtis A. Lyons. Dr. Purcell is the Director of Special Collections at Virginia Tech.

The Virginia State Historical Records Advisory Board meets twice each year to review pending grant proposals. SHRAB works with record keepers throughout Virginia—at local historical societies, archival institutions, museums, and other organizations—to save endangered records, preserve them, and make them available for all researchers. Ultimately, these records help illuminate the history of the commonwealth and the nation.

In Virginia, the Commission has awarded \$9,677,408 in direct federal grants since 1977 in support of both records and publications projects in sixteen localities across the commonwealth. These grants help preserve the story of the commonwealth and its citizens for future generations, provide seed money that nurtures fledgling archival programs, encourage institutional investment by means of matching funds, and leave lasting contributions to the history of the

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Commonwealth by revealing new sources for historical study.

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### **Library of Virginia**

The Library of Virginia Web launched preliminary versions of two new web sites in January. The agency site (<http://beta.lva.virginia.gov>) is organized with sections for the public, government employees, librarians, and educators. The Library's newest site, Virginia Memory (<http://www.virginiamemory.com>), encourages users to explore digital collections regardless of how they are used or presented.

The Library invites users to try out the new Web sites and provide feedback as work is continued on them.

Early in 2008 the Commonwealth of Virginia negotiated with YouTube (the video-sharing Web site where users can upload, view, and share video clips) to create the first unified state government YouTube channel. The Library of Virginia was one of several state agencies and localities invited to participate under the state's "parent" channel.

In response to that invitation, the Library is creating and uploading content that both highlights and supports our collections and activities. So far the footage includes clips of governors' inaugurations, Virginia musical artists, political campaign videos, summer reading program promotional videos, and two documentaries. In addition to promoting the collections and activities of the Library, some of the videos will directly support educational programs and initiatives that reach out to students and teachers alike. Take a look at <http://www.youtube.com/LibraryofVa>.

In observance of African American History Month, the Library of Virginia, in

partnership with Capital One Financial Corporation, honored eight distinguished Virginians as African American Trailblazers in Virginia for their contributions to the state and nation. The men and women featured as Trailblazers offer powerful examples of individuals who refused to be defined by their circumstances. Their biographies are a testament to the determination and perseverance displayed by extraordinary people during challenging times.

For 2009, the African American Trailblazers in Virginia are:

Dangerfield Newby (1820–1859), Culpeper Co., member of John Brown's raiding party

Amaza Lee Meredith (1895–1984), Lynchburg and Petersburg, architect

Oliver White Hill (1907–2007), Richmond, attorney and civil rights leader

Edna Lewis (1916–2006), Orange Co., chef and author

Evelyn Thomas Butts (1924–1993), Norfolk, principal in case to invalidate the poll tax

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Claudia Alexander Whitworth (born 1927), Roanoke, newspaper publisher and humanitarian

John Cephas (born 1930), Caroline Co., bluesman and international performer

Leland Melvin (born 1964), Lynchburg, astronaut

Biographies of the honorees were featured in an exhibition on display at the Library in February; on a poster that was sent to schools, libraries, and museums across Virginia; and included on an educational Web site for teachers and students. To learn more about these individuals and to explore educational resources about their lives, visit <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/trailblazers/>.

The 2009 honorees were also celebrated at an awards ceremony hosted by the Library on February 26.

### **Annual Caucus meeting**

The Virginia caucus will hold its annual spring meeting April 3 in Staunton. We will meet at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library at 10 a.m., and visit the American Shakespeare Center and Blackfriars Playhouse in the afternoon. Contact Catherine OBrion for more information ([Catherine.OBrion@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:Catherine.OBrion@lva.virginia.gov)).

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## West Virginia

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoot Owl Night**

For the 10th year, the Mining Your History Foundation and West Virginia Archives and History are sponsoring Hoot Owl Night at the West Virginia State Archives. Stay up all night, researching and networking in the West Virginia Archives and History Library from 6:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, to 8:00 a.m., Saturday, April 25. Well-known West Virginia genealogists will be on hand to offer help and guidance.

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## Why we chose Dickinson College to host MARAC's Administrator for a year

As several MARAC members expressed concerns about the recent decision of MARAC's Steering Committee to have Dickinson College host MARAC's administrator for one year, I thought I would share with everyone our decision making process and rationale. Some of the issues raised included accountability with a "volunteer" administrator, the need for the expertise offered by association management firms, and the potential for conflict of interest. Many of these concerns were addressed during our deliberations and were allayed when we learned that Dickinson has a similar relationship with the Oral History Association. As OHA is of a similar size to MARAC, we thought it would be a suitable model especially as OHA's administrator has similar responsibilities. We are intending to hire someone to serve as our professional administrator. He/she will report to both the Chair and the Treasurer. MARAC will have to abide by Dickinson's personnel procedures which should eliminate any potential conflicts of interest.

We would like to take advantage of the new technologies that have become

available over the last 10 years. They present MARAC with an opportunity to explore alternative ways of doing business. One such step is our purchase of Member-Clicks, a web-accessible membership management tool. It will allow members to renew their membership and register for conferences online and update their own membership information. This has the potential of considerably lightening the workload of MARAC's administrator so he/she could focus on conference logistics and/or publications but we need the time to evaluate whether this is truly the case before we can update our RFP.

We went through a rigorous process last year to prepare an RFP and solicit proposals. We were pleased at the number of proposals we received. After thorough review and discussion, we elected to stay with Catherine Lamoureux. Unfortunately, this did not work out. We had a very small window of time to evaluate our options and decide how to proceed. We benefitted enormously from having Diana Shenk, a former administrator, participate in all of these discussions. Most of the

members of Steering Committee did not feel they were in a position to immediately select another firm from the pool of RFPs. We elected to go with a temporary solution in order to give the incoming chair and newly constituted Steering Committee an opportunity to review the situation and to decide how to proceed for the long term. They may decide that it is better to hire an administrative services firm but they will need time to re-evaluate and revise the RFP and solicit new proposals. I have already been approached by two firms who are interested in working with MARAC. I believe that several of the firms who submitted proposals last year may do so again.

It is important not to force the timetable. Our newly elected officers will need time to consider all options and we have given them that breathing room. Rest assured that we did not come to this decision lightly. Steering Committee will be monitoring the situation closely. I encourage anyone with questions to contact me or your Caucus Representative.

Tours behind the scenes of the State Archives will be given. Participation is limited to 50. Registration is \$25.00 by check or money order payable to Mining Your History Foundation, postmarked by April 10, with a late registration fee of \$35.00, if space is available. For more information about Hoot Owl Night, contact Joe Geiger, (304) 558-0230, joe.geiger@wvculture.org, or Wes Cochran, (304) 422-1774, wescochran@juno.com. For more information about Mining Your History Foundation, visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~myhf/> or call Wes Cochran.

#### **Board of Public Works Minute Book Presented to State Archives**

On January 9, Secretary of State Betty Ireland presented the West Virginia State Archives with the newly conserved first volume of the minutes of the Board of Public Works containing minutes from the formation of the state in 1863 through November 10, 1871. The first entry in the volume is from September 24, 1863, and contains the act creating the Board of Public Works. The book also contains 49 pages of notes and specifications on the construction of the 1885 capitol in Charleston, which burned in 1921. With receipt of this volume, the State Archives now has the minutes of the board through 1961.

The volume was sent to Etherington conservation Services' Midwest facility, located in North Manchester, Indiana, for needed conservation work. The original binding and cover were repaired to preserve the book, and copies were made from digital images to allow for the creation of user copies for the Secretary of State's office and for patrons of the Archives and History Library. The original volume will be preserved in a customized box in the State Archives.

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**A** GROUP OF PEOPLE AROUND THE FAIRFAX STONE, MARKING THE HEADWATERS OF THE POTOMAC RIVER, 1889. DAVID STRAND COLLECTION, COURTESY OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ARCHIVES  
**B** UNIDENTIFIED ONE-ROOM SCHOOL, UNDATED. MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION, COURTESY OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ARCHIVES



**C** VIEW OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CAPITOL ANNEX DRAPED IN BUNTING. IN THE 1910S AND 1920S, THE STATE ARCHIVES WAS HOUSED IN THE ANNEX, COURTESY OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ARCHIVES

## MARAC Spring 2009 in Charleston, West Virginia

Charleston, West Virginia, welcomes MARAC to the Spring 2009 Meeting to be held April 16-18, 2009. The Local Arrangements and Program Committees have developed an interesting meeting, anchored by the theme "Surveying Archives: Wild and Wonderful." West Virginia's slogan invites attendees to travel to the western edge of the MARAC region, experience our diverse scenery along the way, and survey the many developments occurring in the profession.

Charleston has been the capital of the Mountain State since 1855, when the floating capitol moved for the last time from the northern panhandle city of Wheeling to the banks of the Kanawha River. Home to two colleges, numerous businesses and the chemical industry, Charleston retains the feel of a small town where people know one another and enjoy all sorts of cultural and outdoor activities. Charleston in the

spring can be beautiful as the dogwood, rhododendron and other spring flowers burst into bloom. Enjoy the history of the city, visit the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences, or just walk in the downtown area or the homes of the East End. The Cass Gilbert-designed state capitol, completed in 1932, is currently in the midst of a multi-year renovation project including restoration of the dome and planning for the entire capitol complex.

On Thursday, take advantage of the three workshops being offered or one of the three afternoon tours before enjoying a Class A minor league baseball game in the evening. Friday's plenary session with Dr. Kenneth Thibodeau, director of the Electronic Record Archives Program, will bring attendees up to date with the NARA project which has implications for many of our programs. Our luncheon speaker, former West Virginia State Archivist Fredrick H. Armstrong,

will explore the state and its history and characteristics. "You Know You're in West Virginia When..." you define geographic areas by the condiments on a chili dog with everything, explore the unique landscape, or discuss whether you are in a northern or southern state. In the evening, enjoy a reception hosted by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History at The Cultural Center on the Capitol grounds. In between these events, participate in the twenty sessions being offered on a variety of topics. The Charleston House Holiday Inn, the conference hotel, sits on the river in the heart of town.

On your way to and from Charleston, enjoy all the wild and wonderful opportunities and scenery that West Virginia has to offer. With luck, winter will be over and the kind of beautiful spring that follows will greet attendees.



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